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Enhancement of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and its relevant provisions,

Considering the agreement established by the United Nations, the host country, and the City of New York in order to guarantee the rights, the obligations and the fulfilment of responsibilities of Member States to the United Nations, under the Charter and international law,

Taking into consideration that the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961¹ and the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 169 (II) of 31 October 1947, constitute the regulatory framework for States and international organizations, in particular for the relations between the United Nations at its Headquarters in the City of New York and Member and Observer States,

Expressing its deep concern over the decisions made on a number of occasions by several banking institutions, including, the consumer and commercial banking business in the United States of JPMorgan Chase & Co., in relation to the closing of the accounts of Permanent Missions and the accounts of their staff accredited to the United Nations and the families of their staff,

Regretting the notifications made by the host country to the Permanent Missions indicating that both the relations between the Permanent Missions of

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 500, No. 7310.



Member and Observer States and their staff with the banking institutions in the City of New York, and the financial relations between the United Nations Secretariat and those banking institutions, are of a private nature and are not regulated, directed or oriented in any way by the host country or any of its agencies,

Stressing that the Governments of Member and Observer States, the Permanent Missions and their staff, as well as the United Nations at its Headquarters and the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, should be guaranteed the normal functioning of their facilities in order to discharge their duties, and recalling the obligations of the host country under international law to accord full facilities for the performance of the functions of the Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations,

Keeping in mind the need for the Permanent Missions and the United Nations as a whole to establish long-term business relations based on mutual trust and respect, especially in the light of the latest actions taken by some banking institutions, including JPMorgan Chase & Co., in this regard,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review any observed obstacles or impediments to the functioning of the accounts opened by the Permanent Missions of Member or Observer States or their staff at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in the City of New York, and the impact of those impediments on the adequate functioning of their offices, and to report thereon to the General Assembly within 120 days of the adoption of the present resolution, and to this end, invites Member and Observer States to provide the Secretary-General with relevant information which will facilitate the preparation of that report;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, together with the information requested in paragraph 1 above, a set of recommendations and a proposal for a review of the financial relations of the United Nations Secretariat with JPMorgan Chase & Co. and the consideration of alternatives to such financial institutions;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, as soon as possible but not later than 30 days following the adoption of the present resolution, to provide Member and Observer States with alternative options regarding banking services in the City of New York so as to enable them and their Permanent Missions to adequately manage and maintain their accounts, assessed budgetary contributions, voluntary contributions, transfers and other financial responsibilities directly related to their membership in the United Nations, while providing reassurance, through the holding of proper negotiations on this matter in his capacity as Chief Administrative Officer of the United Nations, including with the host country, that all Permanent and Observer Missions and their staff and the families of their staff will be granted equal, fair and non-discriminatory treatment by the institutions concerned when conducting their account activities;

4. *Requests* the host country, in the light of its obligations under international law, including the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations,² in particular sections 1 (b) and 27 thereof, and stressing especially the provisions outlined in section 25 of the Agreement, and in the Vienna Convention on

² See resolution 169 (II).

Diplomatic Relations,¹ to take, as soon as possible, all the measures necessary to ensure that the Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations and their staff are granted equal, fair and non-discriminatory treatment by the banking system;

5. *Underscores* the importance of the host country's taking the measures necessary to ensure that the personal data and information of persons affected by the closure of accounts are kept confidential by banking institutions, including JPMorgan Chase & Co. and the possible successors of those institutions, and requests the Secretary-General to work with the host country in that regard and to report thereon to the General Assembly within 90 days of the adoption of the present resolution;

6. *Decides* to keep this matter under review during the sixty-eighth and subsequent sessions of the General Assembly.
